

256.157 Para-educator certificates.

The board shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) relating to a voluntary certification system for para-educators. The rules shall specify rights, responsibilities, levels, and qualifications for the certificate. Applicants shall be disqualified for any reason specified in [section 256.146](#), [subsection 13](#), or in administrative rule. The board may issue a para-educator certificate to a person who is at least eighteen years of age. A person holding a para-educator certificate shall not perform the duties of a licensed practitioner. A certificate issued pursuant to [this part](#) shall not be considered a teacher or administrator license for any purpose specified by law, including the purposes specified under [this part](#) or [chapter 279](#).

[98 Acts, ch 1216, §23](#)

[C99, §272.12](#)

[2000 Acts, ch 1098, §5](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1223, §31](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1128, §2](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2574, 2603](#); [2023 Acts, ch 62, §2](#)

[C2024, §256.157](#)

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